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SUBJECT: OIL SPILL IN NORTH SEA - VISIT OF US ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

REF: (A) OSLO 2124 (NOTAL), (B) OSLO 3680

1. INTERIOR SECRETARY ANDRUS APPRECIATES GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY'S FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL THAT A SMALL TEAM OF MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS WORK WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT IN ASSESSING ECOSYSTEM DAMAGE.  
THE TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE:

TEAM LEADER - DR. MICHAEL DIETER, RESEARCH COORDINATOR, PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, IS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR IN RESEARCH PROJECTS ON, AND A SPECIALIST IN PHYSIO-

LOGICAL EFFECTS OF OIL ON SEA BIRDS; IS INTERESTED  
IN SUB-LETHAL RESPONSES OF MARINE BIRDS TO PETROLEUM  
HYDROCARBONS, EFFECTS OF OIL ON FEATHERS OF NESTING  
BIRDS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE EGGS, AND EFFECTS OF  
VARIOUS CONCENTRATIONS OF PETROLEUM IN FEED AND FOOD  
CHAIN OF SEA BIRDS.

DR. RICHARD SWARTZ, RESEARCH OCEANOGRAPHER,

CORVALLIS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY,  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, IS INVOLVED  
IN MARINE COMMUNITY STRUCTURE AND POPULATION  
DYNAMICS AND IS INTERESTED IN EFFECTS OF OIL  
IN MACROBENTHIC COMMUNITIES IN COLD WATER MARINE  
ECOSYSTEMS.

MR. KENNETH SHERMAN, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
STUDIES, NORTHEAST FISHERIES CENTER, NATIONAL  
MARINE FISHERIES, IS INTERESTED IN THE EFFECTS  
OF THE OIL SPILL ON PLANKTON, FISH EGGS, LARVAE  
AND ZOOPLANKTON; TO OBSERVE THE IMPACT OF A LARGE  
OIL SPILL IN A KNOWN SPAWNING AREA OF IMPORTANT  
FISH STOCKS TO COMPARE WITH THE IMPACT OF OIL  
SPILLS IN US WATERS SUCH AS THE ARGO MERCHANT.

DR. DAVID AMSTUTZ, STAFF ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST,  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, IS PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHER  
INVOLVED IN OIL SPILL RISK ANALYSIS AND TRAJECTORY  
MODELING AND INTERESTED IN THE EFFECTS OF WIND,  
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TIDE, CURRENT; HOW THE OIL SPILL DISPERSED; AND  
WHERE THE OIL WENT.

MR. DANIEL BOURGEOIS, ASSISTANT OIL AND GAS  
SUPERVISOR FOR FIELD OPERATIONS, GULF OF MEXICO,  
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. MR. BOURGEOIS IS A  
PETROLEUM ENGINEER WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN  
REGULATION OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND PRODUCTION  
OPERATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE OF PROCEDURES USED TO  
CONTROL BLOWOUTS. HIS INTEREST WILL BE IN SUCH  
MATTERS.

2. THE TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN STAVANGER MAY 8 ON SAS FLIGHT  
516 FOR DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING MAY 9, IF AGREEABLE WITH  
GON. TEAM HAS RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL ST. SVITHUM.  
REQUEST HAMBRO OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OF ENVIRON-  
MENT OFFICIAL CONTACT DR. DIETER EARLY ON MORNING MAY 9  
TO WORK OUT SCHEDULE. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY DESIGNATE  
CONTROL OFFICER TO FACILITATE COORDINATION.

3. RE REF (B), EPA DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO SEND OIL  
SPILL CLEAN-UP EXPERT. CHRISTOPHER

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